

Amendments to the Specification:

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 7 as with the following amended paragraph:**

A cross sectional structure of a general EL panel seal is shown in Fig. 16. Reference numeral 1601 denotes a substrate in Fig. 16, reference numeral 1602 denotes an anode, reference numeral 1603 ~~denotes~~ **denotes** an EL layer, and reference numeral 1604 denotes a cathode. The anode 1602 and the cathode ~~1604~~ **1698** are each electrically connected to an external power source. An EL element on the substrate 1601 composed of the anode 1602, the EL layer 1603, and the cathode 1604 is then sealed by a sealing substrate 1607, through a sealant 1608.